

God Provides a Wife For Isaac!
(Adapted from Adrian Rogers)

Genesis 24: 1-11, 56-67

1) Concern for the Father

Genesis 24:4 - *but will go to my country and my own relatives and get a wife for my son Isaac.* Abraham wanted to seek a bride out for his son! He was reminded of God's promise!

"God the Father is in the business of bringing a bride for His Son."
(Rogers). The Church (individuals) is that bride!

Ephesians 1:22-23 - *And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church,²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.*

2 Peter 3:9 - *The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance!*

Am I concerned about bringing the bride for Jesus?

2) Commission of the Spirit

Genesis 24:2 - *He said to the senior servant in his household, the one in charge of all that he had, "Put your hand under my thigh".*

No name given here of the servant but it is in Genesis 15:2 - *But Abram said, "Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus.*

Eliezer means, "The helper of God."

We see types here in this account as with Isaac and Abraham:

Abraham- type of God

Isaac- type Christ

Rebekah- type of the bride, God's Church

Eliezer- type of the Holy Spirit, "helper of God"

He was doing the work that Abraham commissioned him to do.

John 16:12-14 - *I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me*

because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.

3) Courtship of the Bride

Courtship- the wooing of one person by another. The period during which such wooing takes place

Courtship was done by the servant, Eliezer (Holy Spirit)...not so strange!

Genesis 1: 35 - *The LORD has blessed my master abundantly, and he has become wealthy. He has given him sheep and cattle, silver and gold, male and female servants, and camels and donkeys.* (v. 10 and 53)

The Bride had no idea what Abraham (Father) and the servant (Holy Spirit) had planned. They had this elaborate plan for Isaac's bride and she was clueless.

Ephesians 1:4 - *For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.*

1 John 4:19 - *We love because he first loved us.*

Servant was convincer (Eliezer) and counselor (vs 61). Isaiah 9:6

4) Coming of the Groom

Genesis 24:64-65 - *Rebekah also looked up and saw Isaac. She got down from her camel and asked the servant, "Who is that man in the field coming to meet us?" "He is my master," the servant answered. So she took her veil and covered herself.*

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 - *For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.*

5) Consummation of the Marriage

Genesis 24:67 - *So she became his wife, and he loved her; and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.*

Rest of our time will be with Jesus and those gone before us.

Matthew 22:1-14

He is alive, do you know Him?

